

## DR. KILGO IN HOT WATER

## BY REASON OF A RECENT SERMON AND LECTURE

Why the Penitentiary Will Not be Leased. Cid, the Murderous Elephant in Raleigh. A Horrible Accident—The Grimes Battery in the City—Mrs. Z. B. Vance to Attend the Presentation of the Portraits of the Three Colonels—Western Farmers in Luck—State Fair Notes

Messenger Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., October 19. Rev. Dr. Kilgo, Editor J. W. Bailey and State Superintendent of Public Schools Mehane have all gone to the Elizabeth City fair to speak on education. Dr. Kilgo has drawn a hot fire on himself by a sermon and a lecture delivered here Sunday. One of those who openly attacks him for his utterances is Dr. Cyrus Thompson, secretary of state. Dr. Kilgo has strong supporters, but he has raised a host of enemies.

Dr. D. Reid Parker has finished the holding of farmers' institutes in twenty-five counties, each occupying two days. He says some others may be held this year. He declares he never spoke a word about politics and that the institutes were productive of great good. The Ridgeway high school, which was burned Sunday night, was valued at \$10,000. The loss to the principal, Professor John Graham, is severe, as it is said there was no insurance. Some of the forty boarding students also lost property.

N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, has gone to Clyde to attend the session of the Western North Carolina Baptist Convention and ascertain what are the terms upon which it proposes to join the North Carolina Convention. These will be laid before the latter.

The anti-Butler populists who have called a conference here October 21st, claim that letters are pouring in and that there is great enthusiasm. White republicans are ridiculing the negro mass meeting or convention which is to be held here November 3rd to demand offices.

The plain statement yesterday that the penitentiary will not under any circumstances be leased, was of particular interest in view of the negro attack on the sign of leasing. The declaration that the superintendent can remain in office upon certain conditions means that he must be the creature and not the boss of the directors. He told the governor that he recognized him as the head of the penitentiary and deferred to his wishes. But the governor has for weeks desired his removal just as he has desired the penitentiary to be leased.

Robinson & Franklin Bros. circus arrived here this morning. With it was a large sign of leasing. The circus was hurt at Greensboro Saturday by the gigantic elephant "Cid." A doctor was today called on to see Jenks and found him with a broken rib. Jenks went to the aid of Keeper Smith whom "Cid" was crushing with his trunk. Smith is at Greensboro. His lungs are injured. Internal hemorrhage is feared. He has also had much trouble with his heart. His physician (he is in the hospital) expects recovery. One of the Franklin brothers said today that the next time "Cid" did any mischief he would be killed and by electricity. He was tortured by fire at Greensboro as a punishment, but was never conquered. He now shows signs of the scorching his sides got from the burning straw, though vasoline is freely used to heal the burns.

Senator Pritchard and his private secretary, Hyams, have gone to Omaha on civil service business. A most horrible accident happened yesterday in Durham county near the Wake line. A team ran away with a farmer, he was thrown from his wagon, his head struck a stone and was split open. Death was instantaneous. The 15-year-old girl who was taken to Durham by a married man from Warren Plains, but who successfully defended her honor, has been sent home and her mother has her safe. Durham people raised money and sent her in charge of an officer. The man who attempted her ruin has fled from Durham, after warning.

Early this morning Grimes' battery from Portsmouth arrived here and is quartered in the army of the Governor's Guard at the guest of the Governor's Guard and L. O. B. Branch camp of Confederate veterans. It was in the state fair parade today. So was the Governor's Guard. There was a drizzle of rain in the morning. The parade was at noon. In it were the governor, the military and firemen, etc. At the fair grounds Governor Russell, after an introduction by President R. H. Battle, opened the fair, which is in all respects a very fine one. The circus parade was another feature of the day. The board of agriculture met this afternoon and inspected and accepted the very handsome oak furniture for the state museum.

Mrs. Z. B. Vance will be here tomorrow in order to witness the presentation to the state at the fair grounds of the life size portrait group of the three colonels of the Twenty-sixth North Carolina regiment—Z. B. Vance, H. K. Burgwyn and John R. Bellamy.

Tomorrow is Confederate veterans' day at the state fair. The state association meets, and will elect officers. The revenue deputies are particularly active just now. The moonshiners are both numerous and daring. State Bank Examiner Crowder returned today from a tour of inspection of seventeen banks in the west. He says that they are in good condition. At Waynesville the cattle raisers have received \$60,000 for cattle in the past three months, prices being better than in twenty years past. The apple crop is very large and is bringing in a great deal of money. One farmer sold his apples on the trees for \$1,200, another for \$1,500.

Following were the races at the fair today: First Race—Won by Rivette, best time 2:25. Second Race—Won by Lady May, best time 2:55. Driven to buggy. Third Race—Won by Miss Modred, best time 1:21, distance three-quarters of a mile.

## Electric Bitters

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## THE PENITENTIARY BOARD

Holds a Short Session—Charges Against Superintendent Smith—The Question of Lease of the Institution

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., October 19.—The penitentiary board was in session only half an hour this afternoon, when it adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. No proposition for the lease was submitted, but it is said the Petersburg man is here and will make one tomorrow; there may be others. One of the directors made informal charges against Superintendent Smith of selling colts from the farms without keeping a record of the same, and alleged that the sales were made to the son of Smith and to another party. Some directors favor a lease, but it is positively asserted that the majority oppose it.

## Ferry Improvements

The Brunswick Bridge and Ferry Company has recently made extensive improvements to the bridge over Brunswick river and has had 500 tons of rock ballast placed on the road across Eagle's Island, between the Cape Fear and Brunswick rivers, so that it is now an excellent road, better, in fact, than it has ever been. It is in fine condition and only at high tide is there more than 100 yards of the road under water. Even that part of the road is in good condition but at present nothing can be done to prevent the overflow. The bridge over Brunswick river has been practically rebuilt at a cost of \$600.

The company has also just put on a new passenger boat at the market street ferry. It was built by Mr. E. J. Piver, the veteran expert boat builder of Southport. It is 23 feet 10 inches long, six feet wide and will carry thirty passengers at one time. It is built of jupiter, white oak and ash and all the fastenings are copper. It is lined inside and in the bottom at each end are platforms upon which ladies can rest their feet, if water should be in the boat or the bottom be damp. The boat bears on its bow the name of "Virginia Taylor," and is named in honor of the little daughter of Colonel Walker Taylor, president of the Brunswick Bridge and Ferry company.

At the Eagle's Island landing of the ferry there are lights which at night will give ample light for getting in and out of the boats. There are also free stables and sheds and carhouses for the farmers who bring in their produce and leave their teams on the island while they come over to the city.

The tolls have been reduced, and have been fixed at the following prices: for a one horse cart, including a driver, 60 cents for the round trip; for a one horse buggy or carriage and driver, 95 cents; for a two horse carriage or vehicle, including driver, \$1.12; for extra passengers 5 cents each for the round trip; for regular passengers by the boat 15 cents.

The polite and expert colored ferry-men, Alex. Cowan, Tom Robinson and West McMillan, are now in charge of the flat and passenger boat.

The present officers of the company are as follows: President, Colonel Walker Taylor; Secretary and Treasurer, W. M. Cumming; Superintendent, A. B. Cook.

## A Notable Gathering of Roman Catholic Prelates

Washington, October 19.—The meeting of Catholic archbishops, to consider questions of policy and administration of the church of America, and of the directors of the Catholic university, to pass upon the affairs of that institution, has brought together a notable assemblage of Catholic dignitaries. All of the prominent figures of the church are represented, including Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Martinelli, the papal delegate; Archbishop Corrigan, of New York; Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul; Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia; Archbishop Williams, of Boston; Archbishop Chapelle, of Santa Fe; Archbishop Keane, the American representative at Rome; Archbishop Riordan, of San Francisco; Bishop Farley, of New York; Bishop Foley, of Detroit; Bishop Hartsmann, of Cleveland; Bishop Mayes, of Covington; Bishop Hohan, of Erie; Bishop Bevan, Bishop McMahon and Monsignors Griffin, McMahon and Sharette.

The meeting of the directors of the university begins at 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow. The directorate is made up of the cardinal and most of the archbishops, with five bishops and three lay members.

Unusual interest has attached to the meeting, owing to reports that charges would be preferred against Monsignor Shroeder, who occupies the chair of dogmatic theology in the university, with a view to his removal. It developed in the course of the discussion of the subject today that Monsignor Shroeder has received assurances from Rome which, in the opinion of his friends, will be decisive in putting an end to any movement toward his removal. It was stated by those conversant with the controversy that this assurance was in the form of a letter from the pope, in substance stating that Monsignor Shroeder must not be disturbed in his present field of work.

The initial feature of the gathering of church men occurred at the university chapel this afternoon, when Dr. Conaty, rector of the university, was vested with the title and dignity of a monsignor. The assembly prelates wore their robes of office, the many archbishops and bishops in purple and the cardinal in his scarlet robes and beretta. Vice Rector Garrigan read the papal brief, in which the pope takes occasion to pay a high tribute to Dr. Conaty, giving him absolute authority, making him a Roman prelate of the pontifical household, with the title of monsignor. Cardinal Gibbons performed the ceremony of investiture and Archbishop Keane made the address.

Monsignor Conaty delivered an address acknowledging the honor conferred upon him and outlining the aspirations of the university. Later, Archbishop Keane addressed the students, placing before them a high ideal of citizenship and manhood.

Greensboro Record: Every few days instances of how the tariff—the Dingley bill—hits the poor, comes to light. Some time ago there was an advance in lead, type metal, etc. Now gold leaf has gone up 10 cents per pack, "on account of the tariff," and is stated in the bill of lading.

## DETERMINED TO BE FREE

## CUBAN INSURGENTS DECIDE TO REJECT AUTONOMY

Anxious to be Accorded Belligerent Rights by the United States—Such would Give Them a Navy and Early Freedom—Talk of Speedy Events Which Will Cause Congress to Grant This Right—Agents of Insurgents Purchasing Munitions of War in St. Louis

St. Louis, October 19.—Three Cuban patriots direct from the scene of the terrible struggle on the island have been in St. Louis for the last fourteen days procuring and shipping ammunition for their compatriots. Their work is at last completed, and they leave today for Cuba. One of them is authority for the statement that during their stay they have purchased and forwarded to a Texas port \$225,000 worth of cartridges, dynamite, rifles, pistols and saddlery intended for the insurgent army. Two expeditions conveying these supplies will sail tonight from a Texas port between the city of Bagdad and Port Galveston, and in the Caribbean sea will meet two other expeditions that Sunday night sets sail from New York.

The Cuban agents are Colonel George Johnston, of the staff of General Carlos Roloff, Colonel Eduard Betancourt and Captain H. A. Smith.

Colonel Johnston, who was interviewed by a reporter, said: "Our mission has been to buy supplies for the Cuban army of the east. Owing to quarantine, we could do nothing at Key West, and came to St. Louis. We have accomplished our mission here by the purchase of \$225,000 worth of ammunition and the like."

Colonel Johnston continued on the subject of Cuba: "Autonomy? No! Nothing but absolute freedom. We have 60,000 men under arms in Cuba. Virtually the whole island, except Havana, Matanzas and Cienfuegos is in our hands. We could take Havana, Matanzas and Cienfuegos, but we would have to notify foreign consuls who, of course, would notify the enemy, else we should blow up our friends. At a meeting of representatives of the whole army of the east and of the west as late as October 4th, at Holguin, at which I was present, and which has not yet been made public, the papers, it was reiterated that Cuba would accept nothing but absolute freedom. It is a waste of time for the United States to deal with Spain relative to granting autonomy or anything else short of absolute freedom. What we want of the United States is the granting of belligerent rights. With these in less than seventy-two hours, we would have out of the various ports of the United States forty-two vessels flying the Cuban flag, again there will be events of great importance which will compel congress to recognize us. We have been on the defensive heretofore. Now we are on the offensive. We begin to retaliate. The armies of the east and of the west are about to consolidate. They will, shortly, attack Matanzas. Possibly Havana will be assailed. We are about to show congress that we can business, if we have not shown it heretofore. With belligerent rights, the island will be free before December 21st, of this year. We have no recognition we shall still be free before March of next year."

## The Jury Still Out

Chicago, October 19.—Another night of suspense is ahead of the defendant in the Lutetia case. At 9 o'clock tonight the jury had gone to bed on cots, placed in the court-room, and it was announced by Judge Tuthill, that, even though by one chance in a million, the jurors should wake up and agree upon a verdict they would be no announcement and the court room would under no circumstances be opened until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

A few minutes after 8 o'clock Judge Tuthill appeared at the criminal court building and gave positive word that nobody should be admitted to the building under any circumstances. Judge Tuthill went directly to the court room where he was told by the bailiffs in charge of the jury that several of the jurors were almost exhausted by the ordeal to which they had been subjected during the last thirty hours and that if they were not allowed some rest it would result in some of them becoming ill. The jury also sent word that there was no immediate prospect of an agreement and under the circumstances, the judge gave orders that they be permitted to drop the case and go to sleep. The court house room and within a few minutes every juror was stretched out at full length and all consideration of the case was off until they should wake in the morning.

Judge Tuthill, after giving directions that all rest be possible be done for the comfort of the jury, left the building for his home. "They have been good," he said when he left the court room, "and I became convinced that there was little prospect of their doing so and saw how weary some of them were. I told them to go to sleep and would be no use in keeping them up all of the night, because in the first case, two or three of them would in a short time be utterly incapacitated by fatigue and no agreement could ever be obtained from men who are nervous from the loss of sleep and exhausted with argument. When I came to the court tonight I had decided that a verdict would be reached but it developed to do all I could for the comfort of the jurors. That was really the cause of my visit to the building tonight. There is, of course, no likelihood that they will wake up tonight and reach an agreement, and even if they should I shall not come down to hear it before 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. There is no chance whatever of any verdict being given by the jury before that hour."

## THE WRECK OF THE TRITON

Only Forty-nine of the Two Hundred and Thirty Persons on Her Heard From—Prisoners on Isle of Pines Released

Havana, October 19.—Three additional survivors of the wreck of the coasting steamer Triton, which went ashore between Dominica and Mariel, on the north coast of the province of Pinar del Rio on Saturday morning last, have arrived here. The scene among the men, women and children when the steamer went ashore the survivors state, was terrible. When the Triton foundered there were 230 persons aboard her, passengers and crew, and so far only forty-nine of this number have been heard from.

General Weyer has ordered the release from the Isle of Pines, the Spanish penal settlement, of the coast of Cuba, of the eleven prisoners who were, it was alleged, concerned in the uprising which resulted in the imprisonment of Senorita Evangelina Cosio y Cisneros, who recently escaped from the Cara Recojidas in this city, and who is now in New York.

The release of Abram Rosa, Juan Esperto Torres, Jose Esteban Godoy, and seventeen other political prisoners has also been ordered by General Weyer.

## FATAL STREET CAR ACCIDENT

A Negro Instantly Killed by a Car in Raleigh—Registered Distillery Seized—Young Men's Republican League Convention

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., October 19.—Chattman's government distillery at Ridge-way was seized today for having regularly made a practice of moonshining.

Thomas Hawkins colored, of Ridge-way, aged 22 years, was instantly killed by a street car today.

Two more Mormon elders arrived in this state today.

A heavy rain began falling late this afternoon.

Howe, colored, arrived as a delegate to the young Men's Republican League convention this afternoon. Thirty-five counties are represented. Brunswick sends a delegate which knocks out Jim Young.

## Supreme Court Decisions

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., October 19.—Supreme court justices filed this evening the following opinions: Pope vs. Oates, from Harnett, new trial; Pendleton vs. Electric Company, from Pasquotank, affirmed; Stamper vs. Stamper, from Alleghany, new trial; Hines vs. Outlaw, from Craven, error, new trial; Parker vs. Harden, from Bertie, reversed; Stewart vs. Bryan, from Craven, error; State vs. Reams, from Nash, new trial; State vs. Durham, from Vance, affirmed; Bazemore vs. Mountain, from Bertie, new trial.

## Miss Cisneros Invited to Winston

(Special to The Messenger.) Winston, N. C., October 19.—The Winston Tobacco Fair Association tonight forwarded an invitation to Miss Cisneros, the young Cuban girl who was recently rescued from prison by a representative of the New York Journal, to attend the big tobacco fair here on November 3rd, 4th and 5th and be the guest of the association while in the city. The invitation was sent to New York.

## Banks Operated by Negroes

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., October 19.—State Bank Examiner R. T. Joyce returned this afternoon, having completed his examination of thirty-six banks in the east. He says they are in first-class condition. Two are kept by negroes, one at New Bern and one at Kinston, both having been opened for business in the past sixty days.

## On the Race Course

New York, October 19.—Out of a good card at Morris Park today only one favorite landed. It was Blueaway, who took the third event after being ridden all over the track.

First Race, one mile—Semper Ego, 7 to 1, won; Hugh Penny, 5 to 2 and 4 to 1, second; Cassette, 8 to 5, third, Time, 1:42. Second Race, six and a half furlongs—Mont d'Ore, 15 to 1, won; Hand Press, 30 to 1, second; San Antonio, 7 to 1, third, Time, 1:22. Third Race, Autumn, selling, six furlongs—Blueaway, even, won; Warrenton, 7 to 1, second; Saratoga, 12 to 1, third, Time, 1:45. Fourth Race, Ramapo, one mile—Imperator, 7 to 1, won; Bannock, 25 to 1 and 7 to 1, second; Tillo, 9 to 1, third, Time, 1:41. Fifth Race, one mile and an eighth—R. Cattelle, 7 to 1 won; Ben Eder, 8 to 1, second; Peep O'Day, 10 to 1, third, Time, 1:54. Sixth Race, October hurdle, one and a half miles—Forget, 1 to 2, won; Brown Red, 5 to 1, second; Valorous, 30 to 1, third, Time, 2:51.4.

Seventh Race, Lexington, one mile—The second day's races of the Louisville Driving and Fair Association were postponed until tomorrow, on account of rain, when there was a double bill.

New York, October 19.—The last meeting which will ever be held at Fleetwood park began this afternoon with fair prospects, a good track and a lively, speculative crowd. The handicap race, 2:14 class and the 2:45 class go over and will be added to tomorrow's programme.

2:15 class, pacing; purse \$300. Highland Judge, best time, 2:14.4, second and fourth heats, best time, 2:14.4. O. C. won third heat, time, 2:17.4. Ambryon, Hale, Mithra, Daisy J., Quarter Stake, Little Genie, S. Joe Nelson and Rattler, also started.

2:44 class, trot; purse \$400 (unfinished). Glenmore Boy won third and fourth heats, best time, 2:15.4. King Chimes won first and second heats, best time 2:17.4. Pastoral won fifth heat, time, 2:17.4. Record and Olivewood, also started.

Passenger Agents in Convention St. Louis, October 19.—Delegates representing nearly every important railroad company in the country were present at the forty-second annual convention of the American Association of General Passenger and Ticket Agents, which met at the Southern hotel at St. Louis today for a three days' session. The annual address was delivered by P. S. Eutis, general passenger agent of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road.

The question being discussed today in executive session is the inter-line ticket problem, which has been a constant worry to general passenger agents for the past twenty years. During the three days of the convention the following subjects will come up for discussion: Interchangeable mileage ticket of the Central Passenger Association; necessity for uniform excursion paper for coupon tickets; some rule to prevent the fraudulent use of tickets; the handling of state laws relative to the manufacture of passenger and baggage and rates therefor; uniformity in the rules of railroad companies in handling passenger business and baggage; benefits derived from passenger traffic associations; entire abolishment of skeleton tickets.

## The Armor Plate Board Inspecting Birmingham Works

Birmingham, Ala., October 19.—The armor plate board spent another very busy day here. This morning a special train on the Southern railway took the board and local committee to the Birmingham and Florence coal mines, and the North Birmingham and City furnaces, where they were met around by Mr. Sol Haas, president of the Sloss Iron and Steel Company. This afternoon the board held a session at which local experts in the manufacture of coke, iron and steel gave information desired by the board. An informal lunch was served to the party and this evening a reception was given. They left tonight for Sheffield. The programme now is to go direct from Sheffield to Nashville, where Thursday will be spent. Friday will be devoted to Chattanooga and to Knoxville. Sunday will be passed at Roan Mountain, Monday and Tuesday at Morristown, Bristol and Elizabethton. The board decided today to visit Nashville, and that changed the programme. They agreed upon before leaving Washington.

## AN UNEXPECTED MOVE

## BY THE WESTERN UNION IN THE TELEGRAPH RATE CASE

A Conditional Proposition to Have the Case, Heretofore Removed to the Federal Court, Remanded to the Railway Commission and the Injunction Granted by Judge Simonou Dissolved—The Proposition Accepted and the Case Set for Hearing Friday of Next Week

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., October 19.—The Western Union Telegraph Company today presented the following to the railway commissioners:

"It is hereby stipulated by and between the Western Union Telegraph Company and the railway commission that the Western Union shall consent to the remanding of the case pending, which it removed to the federal court, back to said commission. It is further stipulated that upon this remanding the commission shall set the exceptions of the telegraph company to the proposed order of July 23rd (making the rate 15 cents on messages) for hearing and give the company thirty days to prepare for said hearing, to make full support of said exceptions, and in the meantime the order of July 23rd shall not go into effect.

"It is further stipulated that the parties will consent to the entry of an order dissolving the injunction upon condition that the commission shall hear and determine the exceptions to the order of July 23rd and make the order thereon and that the rates provided in said order shall not be enforced until after such hearing and reasonable opportunity has been given the company to perfect its appeal and give bond.

"It is expressly agreed that this stipulation shall be without prejudice to the legal rights of either party."

There was considerable argument by the counsel, and John W. Hinsdale, for Governor Russell, said this was a novel proceeding. He stated that Judge Simonon had postponed until November 23rd the hearing before him at Wilmington. He wanted delay.

Counsel A. L. Holladay for the Western Union, asked whether this meant that there was opposition to the transfer of this case from the federal court to the state court.

Counsel Douglas, for Governor Russell, said that they wanted to confer with all their associates and made the point that the Western Union had contended that the railway commission had no jurisdiction in this case.

F. H. Busbee, for the Western Union, said that this stipulation had been drawn after consultation.

Chairman Wilson said that it was agreeable to the commission to have the case remanded and hearing was set for Friday week.

Commissioner Wilson said the commission could not see its way to refuse to have the matter remanded as it had contended that it could be better passed upon by the commission than by the federal court and a jury.

## Cutting Affray

Yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at the saw mill of the Cape Fear Lumber Co., a difficulty over some trivial affair arose between Andrew Huntley and Frank Osborne, both colored. Huntley picked up an axe and made for Osborne, but Mr. Wrightson, the foreman, prevented him from striking a blow and discharged Huntley immediately. He went to the office, paid Huntley his wages and he left.

About 12 o'clock when the hands were at dinner, Huntley returned and renewed the difficulty. He had a knife and before one could realize what he was doing, he cut at Osborne in rapid succession, inflicting two bad wounds in Osborne's back. Some of the hands tried to prevent Huntley from cutting Osborne, but he drew a pistol and kept the crowd at bay and made his escape.

The wounded man was carried off and had his wounds attended. A warrant was taken out for Huntley, but he was not arrested. The last time he was seen was near Hilton and it is supposed that he got across the river.

## Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely damage the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and is made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle.

## The Merchant's Association

The board of directors of the Merchants' Association met at 8 o'clock last night at their office in the Seaboard Air Line building, on North Front street. The president being absent, Mr. George R. French was called to the chair.

Mr. P. Heinsberger, the secretary, was present and submitted a report, to the effect that over fifty of the leading merchants in the city have joined the association and signed the constitution and by-laws, and that many more are considering the matter of becoming members. The report was accepted and ordered on file.

The president was instructed to draw a warrant on the treasurer to pay for fitting up the office.

A committee was appointed to draft a circular letter for the use of members of the association and was instructed to report at the next meeting of the directors.

After discussion as to the general object and working of the association, the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the president.

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## Death of Mr. John S. James

After an unusually long and very active life, until the infirmities of age pressed too heavily upon him, this oldest and most highly respected citizen of Wilmington passed to his rest yesterday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock at his residence in this city, in the 82nd year of his age. For two months or more he had become quite feeble and the end was not unexpected by his family.

It is given to but few men to reach such an advanced period of life, and to fewer still to retain their faculties in such a remarkable degree, despite acute suffering and the decay of physical powers incident to extreme age, as he exhibited to the last moment of his existence. His memory of past events, particularly in regard to Wilmington and her people in the olden times was simply wonderful, and he could recall dates and scenes in connection with individuals long since passed away, most accurately and in the smallest details. He was, until his eyesight failed him, an omnivorous reader and was very familiar with the standard writers of past generations, and his retentive memory would readily respond to any inquiry for information or reference that might be desired. In his latter years it was his delight to go back into the past of our history and recall the experiences of his youth, many said, but most of them pleasant, and all very interesting to those who were privileged to hold discourse with him.

Mr. James was born at Holly Shelter, in this county, March 10, 1806, but his family removed to Wilmington when he was very young and the whole of his long life has been passed in this town. He was descended from one of the oldest families in this section. His grandfather, John James, was a captain in the revolutionary army and was killed at the head of his company in an engagement with the Tories. His father, the late Joshua James, was a soldier in the war of 1812. Two of his brothers served in the Mexican war, and he himself, had three sons in active service in the army of the confederacy. He was one of the first who engaged in the distilling of turpentine and making pitch, which he carried on for some time, but subsequently went into the business of general merchandising with his brother under the firm name of John S. James & Co., which continued for some years. After the dissolution of the firm and his retirement from that business, he was appointed an inspector of naval stores, and for twenty years or more was regarded as one of the most correct and competent men engaged in that vocation, so correct indeed that a leading business house on the wharf remarked, when he presented his bills for inspection as usual, there is no need to examine your bills, for we have not detected an error in them for twenty years past. By his attention to business and his industry and accuracy, he built up a reputation as a just and correct man in his dealings, which he retained until advancing years compelled his retirement from the active duties of life.

He was frank and outspoken on all subjects, generous to a fault, hated shams and could not play the hypocrite under any conceivable circumstances, was a very positive man, but at the same time scrupulously careful of the feelings of others, and if led into error by his ardent temperament, he was quick to acknowledge it and to make the fullest reparation. His integrity was never questioned and it can with truth, be said of him, that "he was an honest man, the noblest work of God." Some years prior to his death he became a member of St. John's Episcopal church, and though debarred by his feebleness from participating in the public services of the church, he had them regularly read to him in the privacy of his home by members of his family.

To the tender nursing and careful attention of his children (his wife preceded him to the grave eleven years ago), may be attributed in a great measure his hold upon life for so long a period; their devotion to him was unremitting and continuous, and never flagged for scarcely a moment during his long and weary sufferings, sufferings which he bore with the most exemplary patience.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing away of this venerable citizen. He was a connecting link between the present and the past, and that sadness is increased by the knowledge that so few of that generation are still with us and those few so rapidly disappearing, whose places can never again be filled. After a very long and, before the infirmities of age crept upon him, a very active life, our venerable friend has gone to his rest, leaving to his family and friends a record of which they may well be proud, that of an honest man and a very true one.

He leaves two sons and three daughters and numerous grandchildren to mourn his departure, and, our sympathies go out to the bereaved ones in full measure under their sore bereavement.

The funeral will take place at St. John's Episcopal church tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock.